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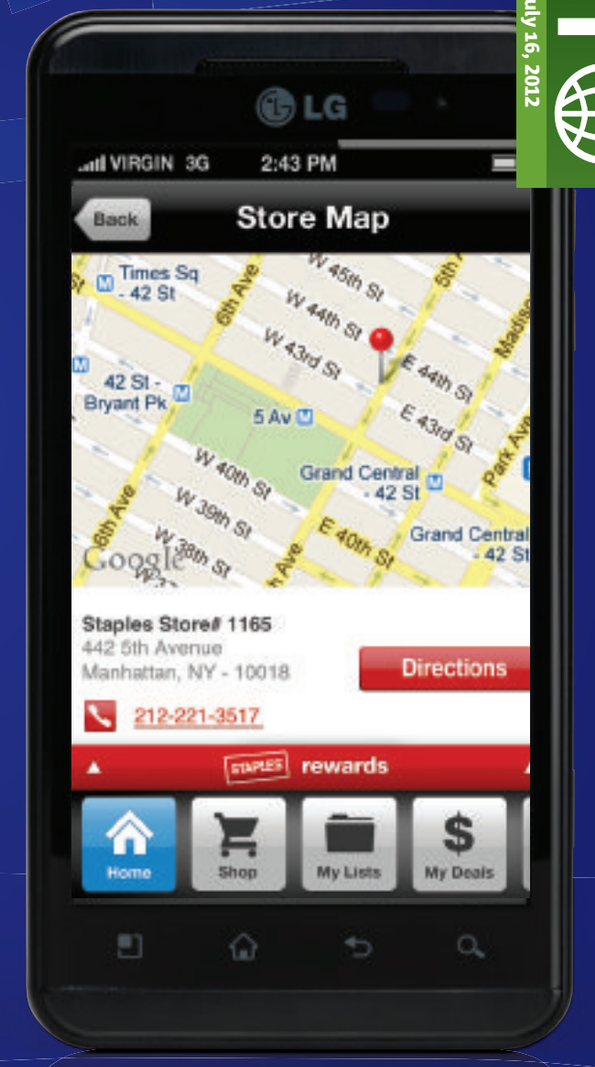

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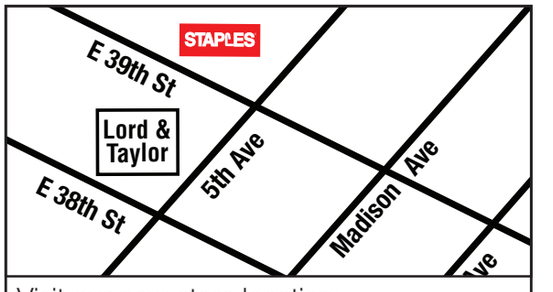

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Weiner tries re-entry into New York politics

Being a stay-at-home dad just not enough for ex-Congressman One year after sex scandal forced him to resign, Anthony Weiner rises again

One of New York's most disgraced former politicians, Anthony Weiner, is flirting again. But this time, it's with the idea of running for mayor.

Sources told the New York Post yesterday that the former Queens congressman is "seriously considering" running for mayor, with public advocate as his back-up elected position.

And perhaps even more surprisingly, some New Yorkers told Metro they would be open to voting for Weiner, despite his previous randy Twitter romps.

"We all have issues," said Manhattan resident Brian Jeuremov, 60. "I wouldn't discount him based on that. I'd like to see his platform, of course, but I think he deserves a second chance."

Jeuremov, a lifelong Democrat who lives in downtown Manhattan, said he'd be forced to vote for Weiner if he were the only Democratic candidate in the running.

"There's no way I'm voting for a Republican," he added.

The shamed former congressman has been laying low since he tweeted a picture of his crotch to a college student in May 2011.

Weiner, who was married at the time and still is, admitted he sexted several women via Twitter. While still in office, Weiner insisted for weeks that his Twitter account had been hacked, but later confessed that the pictures were of him. He resigned in June.

And now some voters say they may welcome him back.

"I'd consider it," said a Brooklyn lawyer who didn't want to be named, when asked if he would vote for Weiner.

"I mean if I was going to vote for him in the first place, [what he did] wouldn't stop me from voting for him this time around," he said.

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▶ One year after Twittergate, can Anthony Weiner ever make New Yorkers trust him again?

Where is he now?

- Resigned from Congress in June of 2011
- Currently a stay-at-home dad to baby son, Jordan Zane
- Still married to Huma Abedin, a top aide to Hillary Clinton
- Occasionally spotted around town in casual apparel

Metro asks

Would you vote for Weiner?

"Absolutely not. If he's in public office, and we're paying for that? Oh no."
KERRY RIORDAN, 50, MANHATTAN, ENTREPRENEUR

"I think [he] is a smart and capable person, but an apparent lack of judgement disqualifies him from office."
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"Sure. We all have issues. I wouldn't discount him based on that."
BRIAN JEUREMOV, 60, MANHATTAN, SHOWROOM OWNER

"Definitely not. You can't really trust him. Background is important; it says a lot about a person."
BISMA KHAN, 21, MANHATTAN, MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDENT

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In the news

Cyclist killed in the Bronx

An 18-year-old man riding his bike died in a horrific traffic crash in the Bronx on Friday night. David Ellis, of Marion Avenue, was killed sometime before midnight as he was pedaling north on Webster Avenue. According to police, Ellis was struck from behind by a 2001 Nissan Maxima. He was then thrown into the southbound lane of Webster Avenue and hit by an oncoming Ford Explorer. The driver of the Ford Explorer remained on the scene, but the driver of the Nissan and his passenger both abandoned their car and fled. They remain at large. METRO/CB

Boy drowns in Harlem River

A 10-year-old Bronx boy died Saturday evening after falling into the Harlem River, officials said. Ebrima Wally reportedly wandered from his family's home in Morris Heights to a fence near the shoreline. Wally fell in the water after climbing the fence that separated the waters from Roberto Clemente State Park and could not swim. FDNY divers responded to a call at 6:12 p.m. about an unresponsive boy in the water. METRO/AB

News in brief

NYC cop charged with gun theft

EAST VILLAGE. Police Officer Nicholas Mina, a three-year veteran of the NYPD, was arrested Thursday and indicted Friday on charges of stealing police-issued firearms from his colleagues' lockers in the 9th Precinct station house in the East Village.

According to court documents, for the past six months Mina, 31, would raid the lockers at the precinct house. He would then illegally hawk the stolen guns on the black market, allege officials.

Except what Mina didn't know was that each sale was being secretly monitored by undercover members of the NYPD's Firearms Investigation Unit, as well as NYPD Internal Affairs. Both were called in to investigate missing guns and other equipment from the station house. METRO/CB

City says bike safety starts with restaurant owners

NEW YORK. Starting today, the city will launch a six-person team of inspectors that will go door-to-door on the Upper West Side, providing information to hundreds of restaurants and other businesses that employ delivery cyclists.

The city will remind business owners they are legally required to provide helmets, apparel and ID numbers to the cyclists — or risk being fined. METRO/CB

New York Post eyes shielding Murdoch talks over chimp cartoon

The New York Post is seeking to keep its top editor from having to answer questions in a bias lawsuit about his discussions with media mogul Rupert Murdoch over a published cartoon that appeared to liken President Barack Obama to a chimpanzee.

Calling the February 2009 cartoon "quintessential political speech entitled to the strongest protections of the First Amendment," the newspaper in a court filing late Friday night also said the discussions were irrelevant to the lawsuit brought by Sandra Guzman, a former associate editor.

In November 2009, Guzman, who is black and Puerto Rican, sued the Post, its editor Col Allan and its parent News Corp. for alleged discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, gender and national origin.

▶ Murdoch

She said she had been fired in retaliation for complaints over inappropriate conduct.

She also claimed to have objected to the cartoon, which referred to the $787 billion federal economic stimulus and depicted a policeman shooting a crazed chimpanzee, a reference to an actual incident in Connecticut.

Many people thought the animal was meant to depict Obama, and Murdoch later apologized to readers.

The defendants said the cartoon was intended to mock Congress' drafting of stimulus legislation and made no reference to race.

They also called Guzman's request "nothing more than a fishing expedition that would invade and chill the editor's and newspaper's First Amendment rights to political expression." REUTERS

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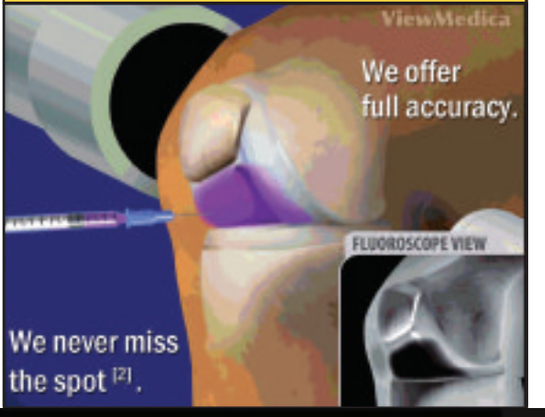

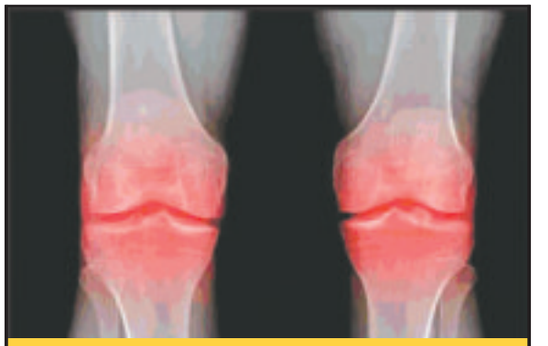

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A few laps with Ryan Lochte

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London, here we come! As part of Metro's ongoing coverage leading up to the 2012 Olympic Games in London later this month, we're introducing readers to the athletes who will be representing the United States. This week, we interview swimmer Ryan Lochte — the name to know this summer.

A six-time Olympic medalist and holder of three world records, the Canandaigua, N.Y., native is considered among many to be the best swimmer in the world. The 27-year-old has been building superhuman speed since the 2008 Olympics, where he won two gold medals but also finished behind Michael Phelps and Hungarian swimmer Laszlo Cseh in two individual events.

What's the one thought that has been running through your mind most as you prepare for London?
I know that I have trained well for London, so I am feeling pretty confident as far as my training goes. Everyone else is going to bring their best game, so I guess I have to say that focusing on being the best swimmer in my events has been running through my mind mostly.

Do you have any lucky charms or superstitions you stick to before an event?
No, I do not have any superstitions or lucky charms before an event. At home, I would say that my dog, Carter, is my lucky charm though!

What's your pre-event ritual?

Any songs you like to listen to?
I have rituals as far as what I eat when I compete and train. I use the Gatorade Prime, Pro Recover, G-Fit, Pro Energy Chews and Protein Recovery Shakes. I would have to say without those as part of my ritual of training, I would not be the athlete I am today.

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▶ Meet the Lil Wayne-loving swimmer who's giving Michael Phelps a run for his money.

Songs that I like to listen to: Lil Wayne "Sky's the Limit," by DJ Khaled, Kanye West and Rick Ross; Drake's "I Wish you Would"; French Montana's "Pop That"; Drake's "Made" and Lil Wayne's "Shine." I love Abraham Lincoln and Albert Einstein quotes.

What's your favorite meal before a competition?
A salad with some protein.

What is your diet like when you are not strictly training for a big event? Do you ever let yourself indulge in a favorite guilty pleasure?
I would say having a pizza and wings is my guilty pleasure.

– Cassandra Garrison is covering the 2012 Olympic Games live from London. Follow her coverage at @CassieAtMetro and at www.metro.us.

After LI boat horror, a call for passenger limits

In the wake of a tragic Fourth of July boating accident off Long Island, in which three children drowned, a U.S. Senator now wants all recreational boats be required to display their passenger limits. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer urged the Coast Guard to take action after the Kandi Won, which may have been carrying more people than it could handle, capsized on July 4.

"In memory of the children we lost on that awful day, we can take some simple steps to educate and warn boat owners and their passengers how many people a vessel can safely handle," said Schumer yesterday.

Currently, only boats under 20 feet long must post a sign with maximum passenger count and weight load. Larger boats, those longer than 20 feet, are exempt from the requirement.

Twenty-seven people were aboard the Kandi Won when the craft was taken out to watch the July 4 fireworks. The 34-foot yacht flipped over and sank in Cove Neck, Long Island, a wealthy enclave that juts into Long Island Sound.

According to the New York Post, safety experts have said that the boat was overcrowded.

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Sunken boat raised

FBI divers and Nassau county police raised the sunken yacht from the bottom of Oyster Bay on July 11 to investigate the cause of the tragedy that killed 7-year-old Victoria Gaines, 12-year-old David Aureliano, and 11-year-old Harlie Treanor. The children were trapped in the cabin when the boat overturned.

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South Street Seaport damaged after fire

REGINA O'SULLIVAN

▶ The fire raged at the Seaport at about 4 p.m. Saturday.

As visitors shopped and sipped drinks, the atmosphere at the South Street Seaport yesterday was just like any other day — except for the charred end of the pier that jutted out into the East River.

The burned pier was the result of a three-alarm fire that broke out at Pier 17 at the Seaport at around 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

FDNY officials said old electrical wires under the pier started the blaze, which more than 33 units and 140 firefighters responded to extinguish. Heavy smoke from the flames could be seen as far north as East 14th Street.

The fire broke out as hundreds of people were at the Seaport, many there for the 4Knots Music Festival. The concert stopped during the fire, as terrified visitors evacuated the pier.

"Fire at south street seaport … I guess going to Beekman Beer garden just wasn't in the cards," Ashley Kellam tweeted Saturday afternoon.

The blaze was under control by about 5 p.m. The pier reopened a bit later Saturday night, and the music festival continued.

Nearly all of the shops were reopened on the pier yesterday — but the end of the pier, between Sequoia restaurant and Express, was blocked off. The tip of the wooden pier was badly burned, and large gaps of missing wooden planks could be seen. Express, at the very tip of the pier, appeared to be the only store closed yesterday.

Fire investigators are working to determine if the blaze caused any structural damage.

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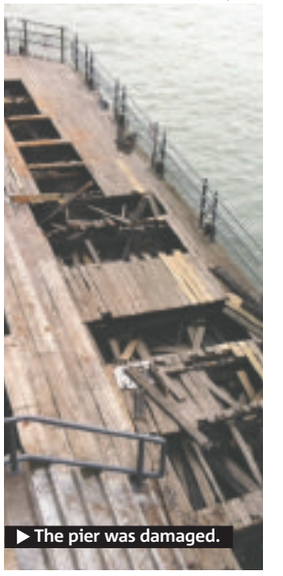

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Syrian civil war sees fierce fighting within capital walls

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▶ The past week saw mortars fired inside the capital for what appeared to be the first time. Clashes have taken place at night with increasing frequency, while intensive battles during the day appear to be a new sign of the seriousness of the conflict.

Opposition fighters battled Syrian government forces in Damascus yesterday in what residents described as the fiercest fighting yet inside the city limits of the capital.

Numerous residents contacted by Reuters said they could hear loud explosions, persistent gunfire and sirens wailing. Thick black smoke was visible above the Damascus skyline in live Internet video links.

"I can't believe it, it sounds incredibly close. I hear shooting and other stuff, like blasts. I can hear the sounds of ambulances rushing past. I am so afraid. People may die tonight," said a resident in a district close to the fighting, contacted by telephone.

Activist Samir al-Shami, who spoke to Reuters by Skype from Damascus, said the fighting was under way in the al-Tadamon district in the capital's south, after a night of sustained battles in the nearby Hajar al-Aswad district.

"There is the sound of heavy gunfire. And there is smoke rising from the area. There are already some wounded, and residents are trying to flee the area," he said, using Skype to show live video images of smoke visible over the skyline.

"There are also armored vehicles heading toward the southern part of the neighborhood," he said. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"This area has had a lot of fighting. ... The area is kind of a slum. The people who live there are poor. There's a lot of people and a lot of grassy areas around it, so it's easy for rebels to sneak in and out."

ACTIVIST SAMIR AL-SHAMI

Artist removes halo from JoPa on mural in protest

The artist who painted a post-mortem halo over Joe Paterno's head on a mural featuring the late Penn State football coach erased it at the weekend following a report that found Paterno helped cover up child sex abuse by a former assistant coach.

Michael Pilato said he removed the halo on the outdoor mural in State College, Pa., home of the main Pennsylvania State University campus, and also painted a blue ribbon for child abuse awareness on Paterno's suit.

"I think Joe Paterno is an amazing human being. I think he made a major bad decision in his life," Pilato, 43, told Reuters in a phone interview to explain why he altered his mural titled "Inspiration" that was unveiled 12 years ago.

The move came two days after the Freeh reort released a scathing report that said Penn State leaders covered up former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky's sexual abuse of children for years. **REUTERS**

French far right to sue Madonna over swastika

PARIS. France's far right National Front will sue Madonna after she screened footage of party leader Marine Le Pen with a swastika superimposed on her face at a concert in Paris on Saturday, a party official said.

The video has already been used on other legs of the her tour and shows the singer's face merging with other public figures, such as Pope Benedict and former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. **REUTERS**

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▶ Baylor University's Brittney Griner accepts the 2012 ESPY Award for Female Athlete of the Year. "I wouldn't be here without Title IX," she remarked at the ceremony.

Title IX at 40

Forty years later, the law that opened doors for female athletes still draws ire

This summer marks the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the landmark legislation that vastly increased athletic opportunities for women and changed the course of college athletics forever.

University of Georgia professor Welch Suggs covered controversies surrounding Title IX in the '90s for the Dallas Business Journal and the Sports Business Journal. His 2005 book, "A Place on the Team: The Triumph and Tragedy of Title IX," is one of the most thorough examinations of the law and its effects on higher education.

What is the biggest misconception about Title IX?

There is very little understanding — even within college athletics — about how, actually, meek the law is. It doesn't mandate that schools add women's teams or cut men's teams. But that's all anyone ever talks about. It's an incredibly flexible law.

What does the law mandate?

You must have the same proportion of female athletes as female students, or a history and continuing practice of expanding opportunities for women, or you must demonstrate that you're fully accommodating the interests of women on campus.

> **"People who tend to rail against government intervention have always seen it as mandated government intervention."**
> SUGGS, ON TITLE IX

Why are their still less women than men in college athletics?

Congress was not specific on how to enforce Title IX. That was largely left up to the courts. If the Department of Education ever got serious about enforcing the letter of the law, it would be prosecuting hundreds if not thousands of schools.

So what forces colleges to comply?

Well, partly, the fact that they could lose their federal funding. But over the years women have had to establish that they have a right to sue under Title IX. … In 1994 they won the right to sue for money damages. That put the fear of God into colleges, and we saw a dramatic expansion of women's athletics as a result.

Is there continued vocal opposition to Title IX?

Absolutely. Coaches of any non-revenue producing men's sport will often oppose it. They've seen their numbers drop post-Title IX. But I would argue that has more to do with athletes and colleges shifting more toward the revenue-producing sports — basketball and football. Also, people who tend to rail against government intervention have always seen it as mandated government intervention.

Why does Title IX continue to inspire heated debates?

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Your humanities degree may soon become ancient history

Toby Miller's latest book is his most confrontational, polemic piece of writing to date. In "Blow Up the Humanities" — which will be released by Temple University Press in August — the longtime author and media studies professor skewers his own field, painting humanities departments as antiquated relics with an overtly class-conscious agenda.

"It used to be that you couldn't get into Yale unless you were proficient in ancient Greek. The idea was that they would produce 'cultivated gentlemen who would be leaders of the country.' Eventually they dropped classical languages as the core and turned toward English literature and so on," says Miller, who is the chair of the media and cultural studies program at the University of California, Riverside. "At the same time the big land-grant universities were looking for a much more applied form of humanities. … That's why if you go to the University of Michigan or Illinois, you learn speech communication — but if you go to Yale or Harvard, you learn English literature."

"It used to be that you couldn't get into Yale unless you were proficient in ancient Greek. The idea was that they would produce 'cultivated gentlemen who would be leaders of the country.'" TOBY MILLER

Pointing to a downward trend in student engagement, research and publication opportunities, Miller proposes a decidedly practical curriculum focused on the job skills most students need. "Whether you work in PR or Metro or Greenpeace or Coca-Cola, you need to know how to design a webpage, the basics of narrative art, how software and hardware work and the conditions of labor in those areas," says Miller. "I'm looking for something that's very applied, in the way business is, but also has a critical edge, dealing with questions of labor and the environment, and not just how you can make a buck and become a corporate boss."

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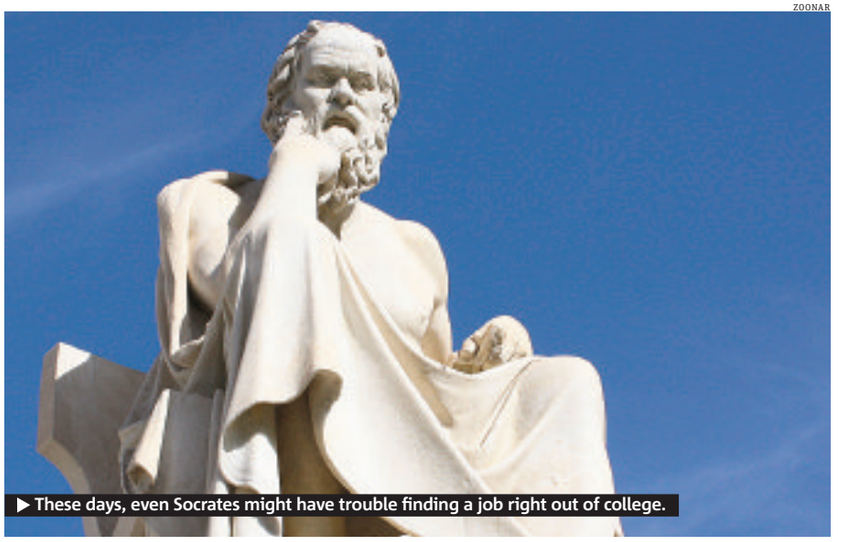

▶ These days, even Socrates might have trouble finding a job right out of college.

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Zombie apocalypse even more doomed

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▶ Brad Pitt is the star of "World War Z," even though Philly spent decades working on its apocalypse-chic look.

Even for a zombie film, things are getting messy on the set of "World War Z." After rewrites, the price tag is inching toward $170 million and the studio still isn't happy with the ending, according to Vulture.

It's so tense that **Brad Pitt** — who stars as a U.N. employee tasked with interviewing survivors after a worldwide undead attack — is rumored to no longer be on speaking terms with director **Marc Forster**, who may be replaced for upcoming reshoots.

"They have to be careful, because the [Directors Guild of America] has strict rules that say Forster has to be there on the set," a source tells the site. "But someone is likely to be brought in to help direct the new action scenes."

The highly anticipated horror film has a history of trouble. After producers passed on shooting in Philadelphia — where the zombies are plentiful, but unionized — they instead set up shop in Glasgow, which has a pesky sense of hope in the air.

Is he saying we're not still 25?

"Community" creator **Dan Harmon** was famously fired from his quirky NBC series after years of low ratings and clashes with network execs. And while he blames everyone from his bosses to people who tune in to "The Big Bang Theory" (sue us — it makes the day hurt less), Harmon admits he could have been part of the problem.

▶ Harmon, right, with "Community" stars Joel McHale and Jim Rash.

"I feel like I am a good person and a professional, very able leader of men," he says in a strangely charming interview with "Attack of the Show." "I also feel like I'm 25. I guess that has slowly changed without me realizing it. Maybe I am just a jerk."

So yes, enjoy whatever little existential crisis this sets off in you. We sure did.

▶ Start working on that penmanship now, girl.

Suri Cruise signs up for knee socks

Now that she's under **Katie Holmes**' watch, 6-year-old **Suri Cruise** will be attending an all-girls Catholic school in Manhattan this fall, reports the L.A. Times.

Suri, who was previously homeschooled, was rumored to be staring down a Scientology-flavored education before Holmes filed for divorce from **Tom Cruise**.

Thankfully, she'll be safe from the clutches of Xenu at Convent of the Sacred Heart — if not from a crippling authority fetish.

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, we eavesdrop on Comic-Con:

@SethGreen
Besides being the undisputed king of con, Joss Whedon can really tear up the dance floor.

@BryanCranston
4500 screaming BB fans @Comic Con panel. WOW! The whole cast was blown away by the love. Thank you all for a great nite

@AnnaKendrick47
Just helped a girl in the ladies room with a zombie makeup emergency. Oh Comic Con.... I love it here

@NathanFillion
Sat in two generations of Batmobiles with Spartacus today. I have truly lived.

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Talking points

Sage Stallone found dead at 36

Sylvester Stallone's 36-year-old son, **Sage Moonblood Stallone**, was found dead in his Los Angeles apartment Friday from a suspected overdose of prescription medication, according to People magazine. There were no signs of foul play or forced entry, police officials say, and Sage's body had reportedly been in the apartment undisturbed for three days.

"Sylvester Stallone is devastated and grief-stricken over the sudden loss of his son Sage Stallone," a rep for the actor said in a statement. "His compassion and thoughts are with Sage's mother, Sasha. Sage was a very talented and wonderful young man; his loss will be felt forever."

Twitter shakes its hangover

After using the social media site to keep his career going after getting fired from "Two and a Half Men," **Charlie Sheen** has quit Twitter. The account boasted 7.7 million followers and had also been a useful tool for promoting his new sitcom, "Anger Management" — but apparently Sheen has other plans. "Thank you all for your amazing support," Charlie tells TMZ. "Trust me when I say please 'follow' me to my next endeavor. It's gonna be epic." Proving to be a man of his word, his Twitter account has been deleted.

▶ Sage Stallone

Lots of stress relief at Olympics

The world's best athletes engage in a very adult form of exercise in the Olympic Village, if U.S. gold medalist **Hope Solo** is to be believed. "There's a lot of sex going on," she tells ESPN. "With a once-in-a-lifetime experience, you want to build memories, whether it's sexual, partying or on the field. I've seen people having sex right out in the open. On the grass, between buildings, people are getting down and dirty." And according to the incredibly forthcoming soccer player, shenanigans at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 weren't just between athletes and other athletes. "I may have snuck a celebrity back to my room without anybody knowing and snuck him back out," Solo teases. "But that's my Olympic secret."

This weekend at Comic-Con

1. "Breaking Bad" stars **Aaron Paul** and **Bryan Cranston** dressed the part for Friday's panel discussion.

2. "Walking Dead" stars **Norman Reedus** and **Steven Yeun** sharpened up their zombie-hunting skills on Friday.

3. Robert Downey Jr. brought some toys for Saturday's "Iron Man 3" panel.

4. Enjoy it, nerds: "Big Bang Theory" hot girl **Kaley Cuoco** flashed a little Vulcan love at the show's panel on Friday.

5. Sleepy-eyed, scruffy-faced and quite possibly zombie-tasted: Yeah, we'd still roam an undead-infested wasteland with "Walking Dead" star **Andrew Lincoln**.

6. Only at Comic-Con: She-Wookies.

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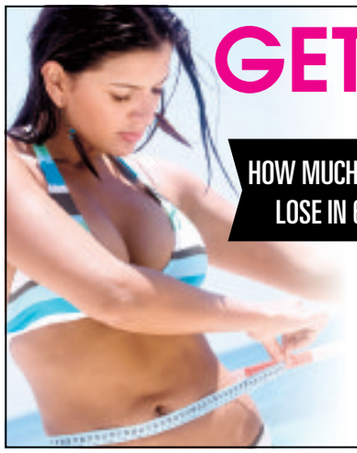

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The warm heart of Stone

Emma Stone talks about throwing her all into the role of Gwen Stacy for the reboot of 'Spider-Man'

Emma Stone has quickly become one of the most in-demand actresses in Hollywood. Since her breakout role in "Superbad" in 2007, she's not only racked up a number of lead roles, such as in "The Help" and "Easy A," but she's also been nominated for a slew of awards for her work. Today, she sits atop a major comic book franchise with Andrew Garfield in the reboot of "The Amazing Spider-Man."

Stone remains focused on her career, expressly stating that she won't talk politics. However, a new contract she's signed with Revlon does give her the opportunity to say something about beauty, even if she seems quite unaware of her own appeal.

"I thought why in the world would I be approached for a beauty campaign, because I had always been the funny girl. That's not to put myself down; that was always the way that my brain worked," she says. "Then I thought about Diane Keaton for L'Oreal and Ellen DeGeneres for Cover Girl, and how sometimes real beauty gets to be celebrated. If I have an opportunity to possibly reach young girls to make them feel like what they are is enough … then that's a game-changer."

Stone and Garfield themselves may be re-writing the rules when it comes to the Spider-Man franchise, which audiences had last seen in 2007 with the third installment, starring Tobey Maguire as Spidey and Kirsten Dunst as Mary Jane Watson. In this iteration, helmed by "500 Days of Summer" director Marc Webb, Stone plays Peter Parker's first love, Gwen Stacy. With Garfield and Stone romantically involved offscreen, the intense connection they have in front of the camera is that much more believable, as the actress herself hints.

"This kind of swept me off of my feet because she is truly in love with him," Stone says of her and Garfield's characters. "I wanted to experience that feeling of first love before you know what it's like to get your heart completely shattered — that life-or-death love. It's a matter of un-learning, and becoming 17 again. It's fun, you guys should try it; it's pretty cool to feel that way again."

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▶ Emma Stone brings Peter Parker's first girlfriend, Gwen Stacy, to life in "The Amazing Spider-Man."

Peter's (old) new love

Red-headed Mary Jane Watson is Peter Parker's most famous girlfriend — but Gwen Stacy was the true heartbreaker.

Comic book experts note that her storyline in the "Spider-Man" series was so divisive that it served to end the "Silver Age" of comic books. In the film, she's a classmate of Peter's and her father is a police captain (played by Denis Leary). Stone didn't know about the character of Gwen until she was asked to audition for the role. "I just fell in love with Gwen's story because it's just so incredibly epic and tragic," she says. "Obviously I'm a lot less voluptuous than Gwen, unfortunately. … I'm by no means a supermodel or an unattainable-looking person, so that element of Gwen was a bit different in some ways."

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Box office

'Ice Age' puts chill on 'Spider-Man' at the box office

"Ice Age: Continental Drift," the fourth film in the animated series about a woolly mammoth and his prehistoric friends, trampled "The Amazing Spider-Man" at U.S. and Canadian box offices over the weekend, selling $46 million worth of tickets and reaching No. 1.

Last week's leader, "Spider-Man," the reboot of the blockbuster series starring Andrew Garfield as the superhero's alter ego Peter Parker, fell to second place with sales of $35 million, according to studio estimates yesterday. The superhero film sold $140 million worth of tickets during its opening six-day run.

▶ Manny (voiced by Ray Romano) tries to hang on to his wife Ellie (voiced by Queen Latifah) in "Ice Age: Continental Drift."

"Ted," a comedy about a man and his foul-mouthed teddy bear, slipped to third place with domestic sales of $22.1 million from Friday through Sunday. Disney's animated fairy tale "Brave" grabbed $10.7 million in domestic theaters for fourth place.

"Ice Age" was released by 20th Century Fox. "Spider-Man" was distributed by Sony Pictures Entertainment, the movie studio wing of Sony Corp., and produced by Marvel Studios, a division of Walt Disney Co. Disney's studio unit released "Brave," and "Ted" was distributed by Universal Pictures. **REUTERS**

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TV watch list

'The Bachelorette: The Men Tell All'

REALITY. If the former contestants vying for Emily's heart really do tell all, expect favorite Sean to let 'er rip over the single mom's choice of race car driver Arie and entrepreneur Jef as her final two suitors. **8 p.m., ABC**

▶ Maynard

'Degrassi'

DRAMA. The Degrassi hockey team is introduced! Which excites us and exactly three other people watching this Canadian import in the States. Everyone else will be interested to know that Katie and Drew do the deed, which makes things with his other gal pal, Bianca, a little awkward. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., TeenNick** **AMBER RAY**

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Hot tips from Hot Chip

The UK band's Owen Clarke can keep you moving 'Over and over and over and over and over' with the band's new album, 'In Our Heads'

STEVE GULLICK

From left, Al Doyle, Owen Clark, Alexis Taylor, Felix Martin and Joe Goddard are Hot Chip.

Owen Clarke is known for his moves. The Hot Chip multi-instrumentalist can be found in a host of YouTube videos, getting down to his band's beats while slapping the bass or rocking the keys at a gig. There's even a Facebook page called "Owen Clarke — Dancing King." While somewhat modest about his own dance floor capabilities, Clarke does admit there's a very special thing that happens when it comes to playing a gig.

"It's this energy meeting — it sounds sort of hippie-ish but it is kind of true — people come together to see a thing, you go there to do a thing and so, you know, it's set up for a good thing from the outset," he says.

Hot Chip made their mark back in 2006 for creating an irresistibly danceable combination of R&B and synth pop on "The Warning," and three albums later, with the recent release of "In Our Heads," the band finds themselves still keeping the energy level buoyantly blissful.

"Whenever we make a record, we are the same people and we have the same sort of agenda every single time," Clarke says. "There's no sort of plan. There never is, which is how we've ridden our luck for so long, I think … [the songs] just turned out the way they did. That's not a great illumination in terms of an answer but we were just feeling a bit uptempo and happy. It's quite nice when things can turn out like that."

The band's playful sensibility has always been particularly notable when it comes to their music videos, in which more often than not, anyone from a fake boy band to award-winning actor Terence Stamp will be singing their lyrics to the camera. But why have stand-ins when Clarke in particular is such a smooth mover?

"There's a perception of who we are that isn't very close to the actual truth of who we are because we've never put up a front of being guys who are in a rock band, or being aloof and very synth-y, or being anything in particular, regardless of what anyone may or may not think," Clarke says. "It's nice to let the music speak for itself and let the video tell the story that it does with other people. We're not afraid of being in our own videos. It's just nice to let the best people do the best job."

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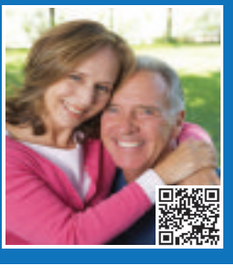
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All the world's a stage – if only the job market were, too

When authors Tim Donahue and Jim Patterson looked at theater career books in publication, they quickly noticed that the lion's share were focused on actors. There's a simple problem with that: Most jobs in theater are in something other than acting.

With "Theater Careers: A Realistic Guide," Donahue and Patterson have attempted to create a thorough, data-driven analysis of the various careers in theater — from house manager to technical director, from marketing and beyond.

"I think my MBA background leads to a certain slant: wanting to talk about numbers and dollars, and not so much about feelings and art," explains Donahue, who was the director of marketing and development at the University of South Carolina's theater department until his recent retirement.

Donahue certainly delved deep into the numbers — employment statistics, specifically — perhaps more so than any book of this kind to date. But to find reliable data on theater majors, oddly, he had to turn to the National Science Foundation's 2003 Survey of College Graduates.

"The NSF is only interested in math and science, but they collect information on all majors. … On average drama majors make about $46,000 — this includes people at all stages of life," explains Donahue. "Fifteen percent of drama majors are making less than $15,000, and you might expect that. But seven percent of business majors are also making less than $15,000. So while a theater degree does carry risk, there is perhaps more risk in a 'practical' major than we once thought."

While Donahue was crunching the numbers, Patterson interviewed a number of theater professionals. He specifically sought out former actors who found meaningful work after their moment in the spotlight fizzled.

"We know, because of our experience in the theater, that actors are important — but in many ways, they're a minority of theater workers," says Patterson. "Just look at the credits on a solo or two-person show on Broadway: There are sometimes over 200 people employed on the production."

DIGITAL VISION

▶ A theater degree may not be as risky as once assumed.

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"On average drama majors make about $46,000 — this includes people at all stages of life."
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Be prepared

This cannot be stressed enough. Make sure that you can point to specific achievements during your negotiations. "You must have already sold the individual on the idea that you are the candidate for the position," says Grant Cardone, author of "If You're Not First, You're Last" and executive producer of National Geographic's "Turnaround King." In addition, Morgan Norman, cofounder/CEO of performance management system WorkSimple, says that "your manager needs to understand why you deserve a new job title or more money, as opposed to just saying you want it."

Be confident

Don't be afraid to ask for what you want. "People too often set low expectations for themselves when entering a negotiation," explains Selena Rezvani, author of "Pushback: How Smart Women Ask — And Stand Up — For What They Want." "Always start with an ambitious outcome that would delight and thrill you, not just simply satisfy you."

Be positive

Your boss might say no, but that doesn't mean you should close the book on the negotiation forever. "Timing is everything," Rezvani reminds us. "Try asking a second time under different circumstances." Sometimes a "no" is a good thing, because it proves you're asking for something better. "If you never hear 'no,' you're probably not asking for enough," says Rezvani.

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▶ Using "I" statements can help when you get into squabbles.

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It's important to understand the difference between assertive and other communication styles:

1 Aggressive: Being demanding, hostile or rude.
Example: "What do I look like, a maid? Stop being so inconsiderate, selfish and lazy, and do the dishes for a change."
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The question:

My roommate almost never does her dishes. How can I confront her so that she doesn't get mad at me?

2 Passive: Always giving in to what others want.
Example: You keep doing the dishes without complaint while secretly wishing you could stick a few dirty pots on your roommate's bed.
Outcome: Resentment that could lead to an aggressive episode or an early coronary. Not recommended.

3 Passive-aggressive: You tell people what they want to hear, but continue to display behaviors that express what you're not saying.
Example: You say you don't mind doing the dishes and leave a moldy dish on your roommate's bed.
Outcome: Time to look for a new roommate.

4 Assertive: Being honest, direct and respectful. You take responsibility for your own feelings and address the problematic behavior without attacking the character of the perpetrator. The best way to be assertive is to use "I" statements. You can follow this simple formula:

▶ **State your feeling:** "I get upset … "
▶ **Reaction to a specific behavior:** "…when I see your dirty dishes piling up in the sink ... "
▶ **Statement of impact:** " … because if I don't do them, we'll get bugs. And if I do them, I will feel resentful, which won't be good for our friendship."
▶ **Request regarding the future:** "In the future, please try to wash your dishes after you use them or when you notice they're piling up."

Think about which response would be easiest for you to hear. Although doing nothing will keep the peace, it will certainly raise your blood pressure. Using "I" statements will not only help you achieve your goal of a clean environment, but it will also help you maintain better relationships with everyone — including yourself.

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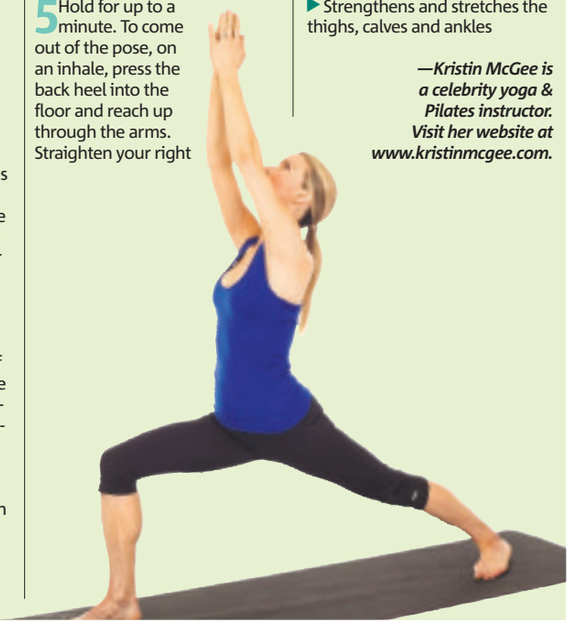
2 Turn your left foot 60 degrees to the right and your right foot out about 90 degrees to the right. Align the right heel to the left heel. Exhale and rotate your torso to the right, squaring the front of your pelvis as much as possible with the front edge of your mat. As the left hip point turns forward, press the head of the left thigh back to ground the heel. Lengthen your tailbone toward the floor and arch your upper torso back slightly.

3 Keep your left heel firmly placed on the floor and on an exhale, bend your right knee over the right ankle so that the shin is perpendicular to the floor.

4 Reach through your arms, lifting the rib cage away from the pelvis. As you ground down through the back foot, try and feel a lift that runs up the back leg, across the stomach and chest and into the arms. If you can, bring the palms together. Keep your head in a neutral position or tilt it back and look upward toward your fingertips.

5 Hold for up to a minute. To come out of the pose, on an inhale, press the back heel into the floor and reach up through the arms. Straighten your right knee. Turn the feet forward and on an exhale, release the arms.



6 Take a few breaths and repeat on the other side. Finish by returning to standing.

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Razing Paterno's legacy raises hackles

Metro, you should be ashamed of yourself for the cover page of last Friday's issue, showing a picture of Joe Paterno's statue with the headline "TIME TO TEAR IT DOWN." Your job is to report the news, not advocate your opinion. And, for your information, the NCAA is not considering giving Penn State University's football the death penalty — because under the rules, they are not eligible for it. The only people "debating" such an action are the few random folks you cherry-picked from Twitter. While the fact that four people (one deceased) covered up Sandusky's acts is reprehensible, it does not warrant punishing dozens of football players and thousands of students who had nothing to do with this scandal. From now on, just report the news and leave the opinions to the letters page.

ALEX BAILEY, VIA E-MAIL

Reading Joe Paterno's self-serving op ed proved just one thing: At the time of his death, he still didn't get it. Shockingly, not once was the word "victim" mentioned in his diatribe. Nor was there remorse — just the same primary concern about upholding the imagery of Penn State's reputation. Sadly, he missed the fact that reputations are built from strong will and character, the kind of character that makes one stand up against adversity and fight for truth and justice, no matter what the difficulty or consequences. Paterno sounded like a businessman protecting his Trojan horse of a company. Would Paterno the father be concerned about "reputations" had his son or daughter been raped and abused? What becomes of the children who struggle for a lifetime with sexual uncertainty, alcoholism and drug abuse as a means to cope — all because they trusted an adult? Whether or not the school decides to take down his statue, its symbolism will ring as hollow as Paterno's shallow final words.

DAVID DIBELLO, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

In response to DTF_Brian [in Friday's Twitter reactions to the Freeh report], who said "just leave it alone and don't do nothing about it": That's exactly what Paterno did with regards to Sandusky's sexual abuse of children! Say what you want, he allowed this to continue. As a victim of child sexual abuse myself, no matter what their contribution, people who allow this to happen should not be honored or idolized. Open your eyes.

DANIEL STANTON, VIA E-MAIL

This disease is difficult to diagnose, even for doctors

RE: "STAY SAFE FROM TICKS THIS SUMMER": I just happened to be in the midst of reading the book "Every Patient Tells A Story" when I saw your article about ticks and Lyme disease. I strongly recommend the chapter on Lyme disease in the book. It convinced me that there are big difficulties with the diagnosis of chronic Lyme disease, and it highlights the dangers of being seen by someone who is Lyme illiterate.

RUTH BRYAN, PH.D., VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It behooves you to be as helpful as you can, because it won't be what you do for yourself but what you do for others that will bring you the greatest gratification.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Give pretentious people a wide berth, because they will make you feel extremely uncomfortable, and you won't want to match their phoniness.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Take advantage of the strong achievement cycle you're in. Shoot high, because even if you fall short, you'll come out way ahead.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't be indifferent to any hunches, because regardless of which activities you involve yourself in, your actions could be more accurate and helpful than usual.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You'll have no trouble soliciting appropriate aid to help you do something that you can't do independently. Your friends or associates will be in the right places at the right times.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Much can be accomplished through an independent and effective partnership arrangement. It behooves you to be a team player instead of a loner.

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♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't be concerned about handling a problematical development should one occur. You are needlessly worrying about things that may never happen.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you get your correspondence done early and put whatever else you can in proper order, you'll make things a lot easier on yourself for the rest of the week.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because money matters look like they could turn out to be reasonably positive for you, it's time to put your mind to work on something that could be financially profitable.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your independence could be of greater importance to you than usual. Even though normally you don't mind being imposed upon, you won't like it at present. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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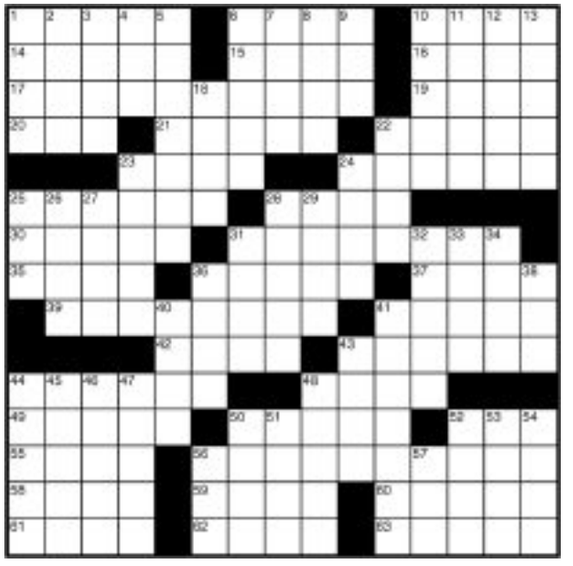

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Kidd arrested after drunk driving crash

This is not how Jason Kidd wanted to endear himself to his new team.

The newly signed point guard was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated early Sunday, according to Southampton police. Police report that Kidd was involved in a minor accident near his home in Water Mill, N.Y., at 1:56 a.m. Kidd struck a telephone pole in his Cadillac Escalade.

He was treated for minor injuries and released into police custody, where he was charged. He was released on his own recognizance.

Kidd was announced as a new member of the Knicks on Thursday after signing a three-year deal for the mini mid-level exemption of just over $3 million per year. He talked about providing a mature, veteran presence for the team in his press conference.

Kidd appeared at a charity event in the Hamptons Saturday afternoon, posing for a picture with director George Lucas, posted on his Twitter account.

TMZ reported Kidd acted drunk all night at club SL East, at one point hanging from and breaking a light. He was so drunk he needed to be carried to his car. **METRO/MO**

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▶ Kidd

GET OUTTA TOWN

▶ Knicks appear on verge of letting Linsanity walk out the door ▶ Team has until midnight tomorrow to decide ▶ Fans torn on exit of golden boy

Linsanity could be done in the Garden after the Knicks pulled a surprise trade for point guard Raymond Felton.

Late Saturday, the Knicks traded Jared Jeffries and Dan Gadzuric to Portland for Felton and Kurt Thomas. Both are former Knicks.

The message sent to Jeremy Lin is obvious: The Knicks are moving on.

Lin, a restricted free agent, signed an offer sheet with the Rockets yesterday for three years and $25.025 million. The contract has a so-called "poison pill" in the third year. The deal would pay Lin about $5 million in the first two years and $14.8 million in the third. If the Knicks match, they will be significantly over the salary cap in the third year of the deal. They have until tomorrow at midnight to make the decision, but multiple reports indicate they will not match Houston.

"It's not up to me," star forward Carmelo Anthony said yesterday from training camp for the men's Olympic basketball team. "It's up to the organization to say that they want to match that ridiculous contract."

Olympic teammate and Knicks center Tyson Chandler said. "Ultimately they've got to do what's best for the organization."

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▶ According to reports, Jeremy Lin is stunned the Knicks appear unlikely to match Houston's offer.

"It's up to the organization to say that they want to match that ridiculous contract."
CARMELO ANTHONY, ON LIN

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▶ GM Glen Grunwald

Blame lies on luxury tax for end of Lin

The Knicks do not plan to match the contract given to Jeremy Lin by Houston due to the luxury tax, according to reports.

The new collective bargaining agreement put in place last offseason outlined a much stiffer penalty for teams that repeatedly go over the tax threshold beginning in 2014-15.

Next season's salary cap will be $58 million with a luxury tax threshold of $70.3 million. In the past, a team would pay a one-to-one ratio for each dollar over the tax threshold. The new CBA is much more stringent.

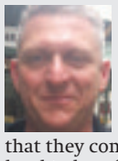
If they match, the Knicks would have $76.3 million locked up for 2014-15 in just Amar'e Stoudemire ($23.4 million), Carmelo Anthony ($23.5 million player option), Tyson Chandler ($14.6 million) and Lin ($14.8 million). Add to that another $10 million-plus for Jason Kidd, Marcus Camby, Ray Felton and J.R. Smith.

If the Knicks sit $10-$15 million over the tax threshold, they will pay $3.50 on the dollar. So at $15 million over, they will pay $52.5 million in luxury tax. Now you know why Lin is likely gone. **METRO/MO**

Metro question

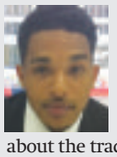
Are you upset the Knicks appear on the verge of letting Jeremy Lin go to Houston?

Anthony Perosi, 46
Staten Island, MSA Security canine unit



"I think it's a shame that we lose a lot of good players because of these deals that they come up with. It's hard to be a fan sometimes because you get a good player and then all of a sudden now he's gone because somebody with more money takes him away."

Giovanni Sucko, 28
The Bronx, security guard Duane Reade



"I was a Jeremy Lin fan, but we have Jason Kidd and he's way better. I'm not really upset about the trade. I don't think it's a big hit for the Knicks. He's good, but Jason Kidd is better."

Victor Polanco, 29
Queens, surgical technologist

"He's garbage. He got exposed once he played Miami and couldn't even get past half court. [But] they get all these old-school players right at their retirement and it makes no sense. They're giving them a good retirement bonus; that's basically it." **AMANDA BARKER**

In the news

Yankees' late rally comes up short in loss

The Yankees trailed 10-5 heading into the bottom of the ninth yesterday, but it was a harmless pop-up by Alex Rodriguez, down by two, with the bases loaded, that finally did them in. Starter Ivan Nova struggled in allowing three homers and six runs in the 10-8 loss. Jered Weaver picked up the win for the Angels as they salvaged the final game of the series. **METRO**

In the news

Johan crumbles

The second half of the Mets' season began in horrible fashion a sweep at the hands of the rival Braves.

Yesterday's starter Johan Santana was pitching a shutout into the fifth inning before a meltdown resulted in six earned runs and an early trip to the showers.

The Mets lost 6-1 as former Brewers ace Ben Sheets won in his first appearance in two seasons.

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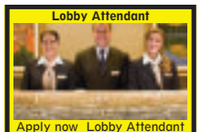

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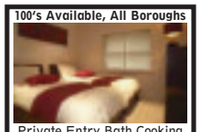
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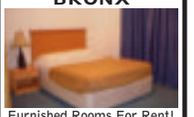
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